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February 20, 2008

San Bernardino County Unified School Districts

**SUBJECT: HALLMARK/WESTLAND MEAT PACKING CO. BEEF PRODUCT  
RECALL**

Dear County School District Managers,

As you are probably aware, on February 17, 2008, Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Company agreed to voluntarily recall approximately 143,383,823 pounds of raw and frozen beef products that the U.S.D.A. Food Safety and Inspection Service had determined to be unfit for human consumption. San Bernardino County Department of Public Health/Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) website contains links to U.S.D.A. which has a complete list of all products subject to this recall.

Hallmark/Westland Meat Company has established criteria for destruction of the recalled product and reimbursement for costs incurred. If your facility has 50 cases or less of recalled product, you are authorized to immediately destroy product on-site, by placing it in a closed container and arranging for a separate refuse pickup. This destruction must be witnessed by a person of authority, (such as a food service director) and one other person. Each witness must sign the Destruction Verification Form provided by Hallmark/Westland Meat Company.

If your facility has more than 50 cases of recalled product, the only option for destruction of the recalled product in San Bernardino County is to take it to a solid waste disposal site (landfill). All product transported to the disposal site, must be in an enclosed or covered vehicle. San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division has agreed to accept the recalled product on the following dates; Friday, February 22nd, Monday, February 25th and Tuesday, February 26th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

At the disposal site scale house, your facility will be accessed a tipping fee for disposal based on weight. Loads less than 500 pounds will be accessed a tipping fee of \$23.13. Loads over 500 pounds will be accessed a fee of \$90.12 per ton. Your facility will either have to have an account with the landfill operator, or you will have to pay cash at the scale. These loads will be directed to a separate area where they will be immediately covered. The disposal of loads greater than 50 cases requires the signature of witnesses from both San Bernardino County Department of Public Health/Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) and a representative of the landfill operator. These signatures will be placed on the Destruction Verification Form, supplied by Hallmark/Westland Meat Company along with the type of product, quantity and destruction method. DEHS staff will **only** be available on-site for witness signatures on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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San Bernardino County solid waste disposal sites are listed on the DEHS website, [www.sbcounty.gov/dehs](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs). Any future updates pertaining to this recall will also be posted on our website. The website also contains links to the USDA's website which contains information on the destruction and reimbursement of the recalled product from Hallmark/Westland Meat Company.

Should you have questions about disposal of the recalled product, you may direct calls to Jane Brinkerhoff at (909) 387-4655.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terri', followed by a long horizontal line.

Terri S. Williams, Program Manager  
PH/Division of Environmental Health Services

cc: San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division